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ASB favors \$1 fee hike for fall '93

Chancellor says material accounts 'virtually dried up'

Sarah K. Cron
el Don News Editor

JOHNSON CENTER - The RSC student senate has proposed an additional \$1 per unit fee increase because the material accounts that are essential for effective teaching are "virtually dried up," according to Vivian Blevins, RSC chancellor.

"I'm not in favor of an increase to our students but it's essential so that we can buy

materials that we need to teach our classes effectively," said RSC Chancellor Vivian Blevins.

"It (the proposal) is another idea to offset our cost because we (the college) don't have as much money as last year," said Heather Herbert, RSC associated student president.

Eddie Hernandez, RSC vice chancellor, proposed the \$1 material fees bill, effective next semester, to the RSC senate in an effort to put money back into the material accounts, said Jennifer Davis, activities director.

But with the increases proposed by the

governor, some students were upset over the additional fee.

"Prices are high enough as it is," said Kelly McCormack, an RSC student. "For the amount of money that I spend here I can use it at a Cal State. It's not worth the stress..."

Mona Gutierrez, also an RSC student, questioned what the administrators will do with the governor's proposed increases.

"I don't understand why they (administration) don't take it (the \$1 fee) from the \$30 increase."

However Herbert said that the "proposal is better than any other option."

Along with the \$1 per unit fee proposal, the senate was given an optional proposal of paying by class, which meant that students would have to pay whatever fee that each class they enrolled in required, said Davis.

According to Herbert, other colleges like Mt. San Antonio College required students enrolled in classes like biology to pay up to \$125 for lab fees alone.

"I personally am in support of the materials fees at a \$1 amount because all areas in the college have been forced to take cuts and this is where the students will have to participate in the pain," said Herbert.

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Let's dance...



Joyce DeVries/el Don photo

Members of RSC's Dance Production Company rehearse "We come in Peace" for their annual Student Faculty Dance Concert. The work is written and choreographed by Manuel Tirado, dance major.

Student leaders seek 'capitol' gain

Lobby Sacramento in protest of budget

By Gabe Serrato
el Don Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO - To add weight to their anger against Gov. Pete Wilson's fee hike proposal, five RSC student leaders traveled to the state capitol on Monday to lobby their's and the college's concerns.

"We went to Sacramento to help stop the fee increases from going up so drastically in such a short amount of time," said Jackie Rust, Inter Club Counsel president.

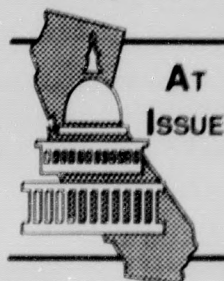
Merlin "Bud" Henry, an RSC marketing instructor and the groups faculty adviser on the trip, said the students went to Sacramento to inform the legislature and their staff of the specific concern of the students that attend RSC.

The students had appointments with Senator John Lewis (R), Assemblymen Tom Umberg (D), Mickey Conroy (R) and Curt Pringle (R).

Each student had five minutes to speak one on one with the assembly persons to explain their monetary situation as well as the college's situation.

One of the student's main concern was not if the fees were to go up, but how much.

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NEWS FEATURE:

Major changes in the federal Pell Grant program may cost hundreds of thousands of students their grants, forcing them to leave college or shoulder more debt.

"This is going to affect students already in the worst situations," said Laurent Ross, a research associate with the American Council on Education. "Many of these students will have to borrow more money or drop out of school."

Some of the nation's neediest students, already hurt by a Pell Grant cut earlier this year, now face further reductions as a result of revisions to federal student financial aid programs.

About 26 percent of the students who receive Pell Grant will lose them entirely or have the grants cut more than \$100, according to Ross.

Pell Grants Pelted

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By Deborah Kane Mitchell

Although last year's changes in the Higher Education Act affect all financial assistance programs, the new laws, which are in effect for the 1993-94 academic year, come down hardest on certain groups of undergraduate students who receive Pell Grants.

"It's a disaster," Ross said. "Students who used to get the Pell Grants are finding the grants reduced drastically or cut out entirely - and these are the students you want to get the grants."

The Pell Grant program was designed to

help financially needy undergraduate students meet the cost of their education by providing them with direct financial assistance. The awards are calculated using a formula that determines how much income students and their families can afford to contribute to education.

Ross said the problem with the new laws can be traced to changes in the needs-analysis formula. The students most at risk of losing their grants or having them reduced fall into two categories: students who are single and independent (they don't rely on their parents or other family members for income) and students who are dependent on their families' income and work part time.

"Those students are hurt by the new formula," said Lenthon Clark, director of the Financial Aid Office at the University of
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College Wire

Piano Man Donates 88 Keys

STONY BROOK, N.Y. (CPS)-Pop singer and songwriter Billy Joel donated a concert piano to State University of New York at Stony Brook after a burst water main flooded the school's center for the arts with 1 million gallons of mud and water, school officials said.

Joel, who lives on Long Island's Amagansett, gave the university his custom 9-foot concert grand piano built to his specifications by Baldwin Piano & Organ Co. Its serial number is 300,000, meaning it is the 300,000th built by Baldwin.

"I feel that it is very important to support piano study as well as classical concert performance. It is especially meaningful for me to support this effort here on Long Island," Joel said.

The water main break, which occurred on Feb. 17, caused about \$3 million in damage to the Staller Center for the Arts. A hand-built organ valued at \$500,000 was destroyed, as well as three concert grand pianos. The piano Joel gave the school will be kept in another recital hall until the center is repaired.

Swastika Found In Harvard Dormitory

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (CPS)-Students recently found a swastika and graffiti on a wall in a dormitory where several Jewish students live, the Harvard Crimson reported.

Abigail S. Kolodny, a sophomore who discovered the vandalism, told the paper she was "deeply offended" by the act. Kolodny, who is Jewish, said others in her dorm were similarly horrified.

The incident was under investigation by the Harvard police. Because Lowell House was open to outsiders for a recent opera and other events, officials said there was a possibility that non-students were responsible for the incident.

According to the newspaper, several swastikas appeared in the elevator of another residential building in November, prompting students to respond with a written petition condemning the act.

Everyone Smiles At St. Bonaventure

ST. BONAVENTURE, N.Y. (CPS)-It was the week after mid-terms, and the entire student body went wacky at St. Bonaventure University, according to the founders of Humor Week, a five-day laughathon designed to give students a chance to blow off some steam.

Dubbed "Humor is Heavenly," the week of March 7-13 kicked off by a showing of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" and was filled with events such as "Crazy Tie and Socks Day." Students sported smile buttons that said, "I'll send you one if you want me to."

The "Crazy Hat Contest" attracted entries such as a huge nipple on one head and a brim covered with wood shavings on another that read: "I've Been Through the Mill."

"It was so excellent," said founder Carol Higley, administrative assistant for student activities.

Senate Agrees On Motor-Voter Bill

WASHINGTON (CPS)-The Senate has reached a compromise on a bill designed to make voter registration easier.

The agreement ended a Republican filibuster blocking action on the so-called "motor voter" bill, but it may set up a fight with the House, which has passed a different version of the legislation.

In the Senate bill, Democrats agreed to Republican demands to place limits on public agencies where people could register to vote.

Registration would be required at motor vehicle registration offices, disability offices and military recruitment offices. States would be allowed to conduct registration at welfare and unemployment offices, but wouldn't be required to do so.

Hofstra Wins Rube Goldberg Contest

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (CPS)-Engineering students at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., captured the 6th Annual National Rube Goldberg Contest, which demonstrates the most ludicrous, complicated way to screw in a light bulb.

The competition attracted 700 cheering students from around the country to the Purdue University campus. The prize? A five-foot trophy captured last year by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The winning contraption revolved around the creepy antics of a tiny Addams Family, complete with a graveyard, human eyeballs and a living hand in a black box. Rules say each machine must require at least 20 steps to complete the task. Hofstra's entry required 26.

"Winning the contest was the best thing to happen to Hofstra University in 75 years," said Chris Gerard, a senior in engineering and Hofstra team spokesman.

The contest was named for the late New York Daily Mail cartoonist who drew outlandish machines to do simple tasks. Points are taken off for human intervention after the machine starts or taking more than five minutes to light the bulb.

Freshman class...



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Children from the RSC Child Development Center Orange Campus horseplay at the Santa Ana Campus in celebration of the second annual week of the Small Child. The center serves as a source of child care for students and faculty.

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FINANCE: students 'losers' in latest cuts

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Arkansas in Fayetteville. "Anytime you have changes in methodologies, you're going to have winners and losers. Those students are the losers in this go-round."

Of the 14,500 students attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, about 2,800 students have received Pell Grant awards.

Clark said he hasn't seen a significant change yet in the number of students receiving the awards or the amounts of the awards, but added "it's still too early in the processing system to tell." Most students are in the process now of applying for Pell Grants for the 1993-94 academic year.

Nationwide, the effect of the new

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Nat'l Assoc. of Financial
Aid Administrators Pres.

law is expected to be dramatic. Of the approximately 4.5 million college students who are expected to receive Pell Grants in the 1993-94 academic year, about 25 percent will be classified as single independents and about 13 percent will be classified as dependent students who work.

"It's very troubling," said Dallas Martin, president of the National Association of Financial Aid

Administrators. "Although their circumstances haven't changed at all, many of these students will find themselves with no grants next year. These students are taking a big hit and it's very unfair."

The grant cuts are rooted in a bill that was signed into law by President Bush in July 1992.

About every five years, the Higher Education Act of 1965 is reviewed and amendments are made to it. In

1992, the amendments targeted, among other things, the definition of dependency and the old needs-analysis system.

The new law makes it more difficult for a student to be a classified independent.

A report released by the Congressional Budget Office estimates that 300,000 students who were once considered independents will now be reclassified as dependents. Many of those students will lose their Pell awards or have them reduced.

The law also changed the needs-analysis system. In the past, two different needs-analysis formulas were used to figure out how much

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Most of the students agreed that the fee increase should be implemented slowly giving the students in community colleges time to adjust to the fee increase.

They stated it was not fair to raise the tuition 300 percent in such a short amount of time.

Both Rust and Henry agreed that the trip was a success.

"It (the trip) was very successful for the reasons we were going up to have our (the student body's) voices be heard," Rust said.

Heather Herbert, associated student president, has been to Sacramento to lobby more than once this year.

"This was my fourth lobbying trip and this was the most successful one that I've been on," said Herbert.

"It was because more students went and the legislators saw how the students are being effected."

Each student had points that they addressed to the legislators.

"I think all of the five students were well prepared and had good knowledge of the concern of our community college students," said Henry.

Elections on horizon for student government

By Larry Murrieta
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA - Los Angeles isn't the only place where new candidates will be campaigning for office. RSC will be holding Associated Student Body elections April 27 and 28 in room U-204C.

The top three officers that will be affected are president, vice presi-

dent and the treasurer. Also to be elected are the ASB Senator and Freshman Senator positions.

Although only one person is running (officially) for the office of president and one for vice president and no one is "officially" running for treasurer, Jennifer Davis, the student activities coordinator, said she urges students to

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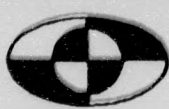
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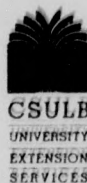
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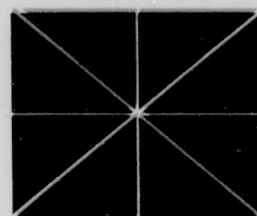
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money students needed for education. One formula was used to calculate Pell Grant awards and the other to calculate all other forms of federal financial aid.

The two systems were criticized by confused parents applying for financial aid for their children's education, so Congress attempted to revise the system.

Under the new law, there is only one needs-analysis formula.

"The new needs-analysis formula is the crux of this problem," said Ross of the American Council on Education.

The education group cited as an example of the problem the case of a 27-year-old community college student in Southern California, referred to only as "Douglas," when it presented its arguments to Congress recently.

Douglas represents single independent students whose Pell Grant awards will be cut significantly under the new policy, the council said.

Douglas makes less than \$9,000 a year. Under the old system, when administrators calculated the amount of money he could contribute to his education, they gave him

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Laurent Ross,
Research Associate
American Council on Education

credit for federal and state taxes, plus an "income protection allowance" of \$6,600. The first \$6,600 of Douglas' earnings could not be touched or added into the equation. Douglas' Pell Grant award under the old system was \$1,611 per year.

But under the new system, Douglas only gets an offset of \$3,000. His Pell Grant award will now be only \$400 for the 1993-94 academic year. "Douglas has a choice," Ross said. "He can borrow more money and go further into debt or he can stop going to school. Douglas and other students like him - the poor, the minorities - they've gotten screwed by our society all along and now they're getting shafted again."

The new law comes on the heels of another cut in the Pell Grant program.

Students who had been receiving maximum awards of \$2,400 were forced to make do with less money when, earlier this year, huge deficits in the program forced the

Department of Education to reduce funding and cap top grants at \$2,300 per qualified student.

Although Congress has authorized \$3,700 as the maximum funding for the Pell Grant program, a shortfall of more than \$2 billion has prevented higher awards.

At the time of the cuts, Education Secretary Richard Riley admitted that "the Pell Grant system is in very bad shape economically" and asked Congress for \$2 billion as part of President Clinton's economic stimulus package. But the main problem is the needs-analysis formula, Ross said.

The American Council on Education objected to changes in the needs-analysis formula when Congress was debating the amendments last year.

The House had passed an original draft, and the Senate came up with its own formula. Congress thrashed it out and agreed on the revised formula.

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Even for those students who will not be enrolling in classes that require extra materials, Herbert said that the fee covers copying costs for items like tests, homework assignments, and class outlines.

"There is no class... whereby paying \$1 a unit, that you are going to get ripped off," said Herbert.

RSC student Tracy Zieger supported the fee.

"I think a dollar is fine because I don't think a dollar will hurt. I think it's worth it," Zieger said.

But students like Brian McCarthy disagreed. "I'm against any and all fee increases," McCarthy said. "The students who chose to take the more expensive class such as the nursing classes or art classes should pay for the supply cost. They (those classes) are personal preferences."

Davis said that each student senator has discussed the issue with students on campus to get the feedback they need to make a fair decision. In an advisory vote, the senate voted in favor of the increase, according to Herbert.

The senate will reconvene on Monday, April 26 to cast their final ballots to pass or kill the bill.

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listen to what the candidates have to say and to pay attention to other candidates who might have written themselves in on the ballot.

"I don't know how many unofficial candidates there are," said Davis. "But as in the past, there have been other students who missed the deadline for turning in their applications but still qualify for office."

According to Davis, in order to be eligible for an office, the potential candidates must have prior experience in student government. She also cautioned those students who want to run, "to seek some assistance from student activities" so that the time they spend campaigning is not wasted.

"We usually see a few students who want to make some changes in the school, run [for an office] but then end up wasting their time because they didn't take the time to find out what the criteria are for the particular office they are running for," Davis said.

To be eligible for the executive offices, candidates must have a grade point average of 2.75 or higher and must have already completed 10 units, as well as being currently enrolled in seven units or more. They must also be a resident of the RSC district and they must be an undergraduate.

For the office of the freshman senator, which is the first year senate position, the potential contender must be an undergraduate who has completed between seven and 30 units and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.2. They must also be a resident of the district.

The office of senator carries the same requirements, however the candidate for this position must have completed more than 30 units or have spent one semester as a member of ASB.

The election times are Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon on the Santa Ana Campus and from 9-11 a.m. on the Orange campus. The times Wednesday are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Santa Ana students and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Orange campus.

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Staff Editorials

Placing the blame

It was interesting to see the FBI and the President immediately blame the fire that gutted the Branch Davidian compound on David Koresh and his followers, calling it a mass suicide. Normally, one would think that the Feds would await an arson investigation before pointing the finger, especially when you take into consideration the allegation by one of the cult survivors who claims that the fire was started by the FBI's battering ram when it knocked over a kerosene lantern within the compound.

If the allegation is true, it would only be the icing on the cake in a situation that was handled under questionable circumstances from day one.

It was also interesting to see President Clinton's unsubstantiated accusations about Koresh, calling him "dangerous, irrational and probably insane." Clinton also accused the cult of violating "common standards of decency."

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI were not there to enforce "common standards of decency," but to arrest a group accused of possessing and/or manufacturing illegal firearms, the absolute possession of which has still not been established.

The fact that the ATF ordered the original warrant sealed makes things look even more suspicious. It will be interesting to see what new light the subsequent investigation brings.

It's only a dollar...right?

Let's see... mandatory \$10 health fee, mandatory \$5 "student service" fee, \$30-\$104 (proposed) per-unit tuition. What else can we tack on to this? How about a \$1 per-unit "material fee?" That sounds legit, the students will buy that.

This would appear to be the thought pattern followed by RSC vice chancellor Eddie Hernandez, who proposed the increase, and the student senate, who are considering it. In an advisory vote, the senate voted in favor of this increase.

The rationale for the newest mandatory fee is "We (the college) don't have as much money as last year," according to RSC associated students president Heather Herbert.

So stick it to the students again, right? That seems to be the easiest way out. It's worked before. RSC chancellor Vivian Blevins said, "I'm not in favor of an increase to our students, but it's essential so that we can buy materials to teach our classes effectively." Okay, we'll buy that, but the wrong approach is being taken here. This fee is structured similarly to the health fee. It will serve only some students, but all are required to pay. We're forced to endure similar unjust policies from the federal and state governments (through taxes) - why must we be subjected again while trying to get an education?

RSC student Brian McCarthy summed it up pretty well when he said, "I'm against any and all fee increases. The students who choose to take the more expensive classes such as the nursing classes or art classes should pay for the supply cost. They (the classes) are personal preferences."

Heather Herbert said, "The proposal is better than any other option." We don't think so. Along with the \$1 per unit plan, an alternate proposal was submitted. It would require students to pay the materials cost for their classes.

We urge the senate to kill the original proposal and implement the second. Students shouldn't be forced to pay for the educations of others.

Mandatory fees are unfair; they overburden students who may or may not benefit from them. Who knows, next they might charge you for a parking sticker even if you ride a bike to school.

OPINION



The day justice died to please a mob

■ Is turnabout fair play? Two cops' civil rights violated in federal trial

By Jason A. Spielfogel
el Don Staff Writer

April 17, 1993 will, to me, always represent the day that justice died in the United States of America. Throughout the day, celebration cries of "Justice was Done!" echoed in the wake of the convictions of officers Lawrence Powell and Stacey Koon.

I agree, justice was done. Done as in finished, gone, adios.

Face it, the officers never had a chance. Due to mob mentality and the ravings of self-proclaimed civil rights activists such as Jesse Jackson preaching fear into the American people, the politicians were forced to make sure someone burned, no matter what.

The ensuing events violated the Constitution on one of the most basic levels: protection from being tried for the same crime twice. Oh sure, the charges were given a face lift and made a little more righteous under that all powerful guise of "civil rights", but you would have to be completely naive to believe that this was anything more than a federally white washed version of last year's state trial.

Even casting all that aside, the prosecution had no case from day one. Their premise was that Rodney King's civil rights were violated as a result of the officers use of excessive force during his ap-

"You would have to be completely naive to believe that this (the trial) was anything but a federally white-washed version of last year's state trial"

prehension on March 3, 1991. Excessive force charges were what last year's state trial was all about, and I need not remind anybody that, right or wrong, none of the officers were convicted.

So, how can you violate someone's civil rights through excessive force if you didn't use excessive force?

What Judge Davies should have reminded the jurors prior to their deliberations was that no matter what conclusions they would draw from the video tape, the one conclusion they could not draw was that the officers used excessive force, as decided by the previous trial.

Case closed, except it wasn't. Perhaps the biggest joke of the whole trial was when Davies in-

formed the jury that they were to not permitted to think about last year's riots at all during their deliberations. How could any sane rational person NOT think about a series of events that turned the entire nation's attention to Los Angeles. Even among those who were pleased as punch with the federal trial verdict, over 50 percent said they felt that the jurors were influenced by the riots.

And what was the deal with all the African-American (gotta be politically correct) gatherings after the trial to celebrate this "victory". Imagine what would happen if a bunch of Caucasians got together after the Reginald Denny trial (assuming of course that the defendants are found guilty) and cheered. They would be labeled racists just as sure as there are words printed on this page.

If Rodney King was white, there wouldn't have been a trial.

Let me carry that one step further. If Rodney King had been white and the officers had been black there wouldn't have been a trial.

It would have been amusing to see what would have happened if the defendants were exonerated a second time. Maybe we could have coaxed the United Nations into prosecuting them for humanitarian violations, citing the officers for "localized ethnic cleansing."

They say the third time's a charm.

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PHOTO POLL

We asked students if the verdicts handed down in the recent federal civil rights trial were fair. Here are some of their responses:



Pete Ross

"It depends on how they are sentenced."



Erika Iniguez

"I think it was fair, because the two (convicted officers) beat him and the others were just watching."



Val Leedy

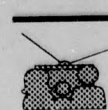
"It was their way of pleasing everybody. They couldn't get them all but they got two."

Style

THE ART OF ENTERTAINMENT

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Country music spurs local club scene

Country dancing is spinning around Southern California and ropin' in lots of fans



By Julie Wells
el Don Style Editor

The past few years have seen a significant rise in the popularity of country music and the dance clubs that cater to this trend.

New clubs are opening as fast as old ones can be redesigned and duded out in the western motif. Boot Barns and Thieves Markets, popular western clothing shops,

are popping up all across Orange County and even major department stores are making room for more jeans, flannel shirts, cowboy hats and boots.

Why has the club scene suddenly gone into a two-steppin' tizzy?

In an issue of Billboard magazine it was figured that, although there are no exact numbers, experts estimate the number of country music dance clubs has increased 50-60 percent over the past two years.

These numbers not only include clubs that play country music as their priority seven days a week, but also other music clubs relying mostly on rock, hip-hop, or new wave have begun to integrate one or two nights a week of country music into their playlists.

Jeff Walker, president of Nashville-based Aristo Media, which services videoclips and dance mixes to clubs, was quoted in Billboard magazine as saying that the increase in the number of clubs using country music is "the natural extension to what is happen-

ing with the media. Country music is now hip."

There's an old joke that asks, what happens when you play a country music album backwards? I'm sure with keeping the old stereotypes of country music in mind the answer should not be too surprising... the listener will sober up, his wife will come back and his dog will rise from the dead.

These days of ridicule and skepticism may well be nearing the end of their road. Music sales are only increasing and there have been many artists to have their music cross-over to the pop charts, such as Billy Ray Cyrus and his Achy Breaky Heart.

Some of the rough "hick" edges have been worn down a little since the early twangy sounds of such country greats as Hank Williams Sr., Willy Nelson, Loretta Lynn, and Patsy Cline.

But keep in mind that these music legends serve as country music role models to the new up-and-coming stars just as say Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan or even the king him-

self, Elvis Presely, have led rock artists into their esteemed positions today.

Country music dance clubs are becoming more and more populated by dancers from all ages and walks of life.

The older, more experienced country music fan may be using this rise in popularity as a chance to dust off the old dancing clothes and head out for a night on the town of country Two-Steppin', Waltzing, or even engaging in a little Cowboy or West Coast Swing.

The newer country music fan has many opportunities available to take advantage of free dance lessons that every club offers at least two nights a week to get out there and strut their stuff.

Line dances, for which no partner is needed, are always a favorite on the club scene. The Electric Slide, The Tush Push, or The Slap-pin' Leather are taught frequently and offer a nice start into the country dancing mania spreading rapidly throughout Southern California.

PREVIEW

Faculty, students collaborate on spring dance program

■ "We Come in Peace" features student Manuel Tirado's original choreography in alien abduction dance number

By Cindy Cha
el Don Staff Writer

RSC's Dance Production Company is holding its annual Student/Faculty Dance Concert at Phillips Hall Theatre April 23 through April 25.

The dance concert showcases are choreographed by dance majors at RSC. "We also have three works that have been created by faculty members," said Sylvia Turner, the assistant production director of the

dance concert.

Turner said there will be 12 dance styles that include Modern, Jazz, Ballet and Folklorico (traditional Mexican Folk dancing).

One of the other students participating in the concert, Manuel Tirado, a 21-year-old dance major and a choreographer, admits to having butterflies before every show.

"In every performance, I always get nervous," said Tirado, "there's no secret in trying to avoid it."

Besides dancing in the show himself, Tirado, who is in his third year of dance, had choreographed a number called "We Come In Peace." This dance number is about aliens who come to Earth and abduct a human. The alien dancers, all dressed in green one-piece tights, show off their style of dance combining ballet, jazz and modern dance.

Tirado got his ideas from watching TV, reading the newspaper and talking to people who said they had experienced alien abduction.

Janet Ambruso, another choreographer and a dancer for "We Come In Peace", created a comedy ballet number called "Blunderballet" about a ballet performance where a

female dancer has been injured, and to replace her, they put a male dancer into a tutu.

"I've had this idea for two years but decided to put it together this semester," said Ambruso.

Like Tirado, Ambruso also got her ideas from watching TV, reading newspapers and talking to other people.

Another choreographer for this concert is Jennifer Rudolph, a 24-year-old RSC student. Although this is her first year at RSC, Rudolph has performed for Cal State Fullerton and Saddleback College.

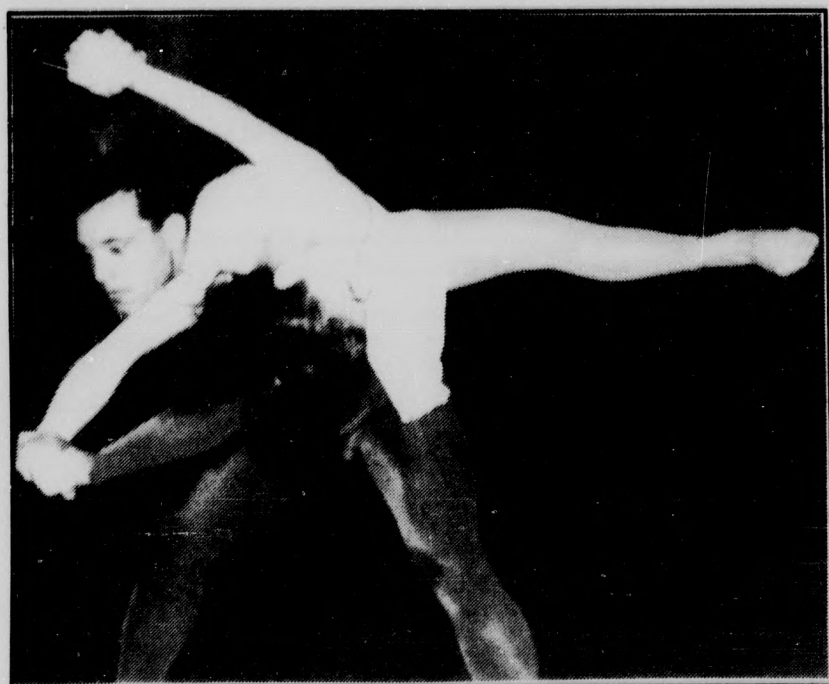
"RSC's (dance production) is a much better program compared to Fullerton and Saddleback," said

Rudolph. "It's more professional with the theatre, lighting and costumes."

Students participating in the concert are those that are enrolled in performance ensemble, dance production and choreography classes.

The concert will also feature other dances such as "Life Without Parole," "Funky Divas," and "Hasta La Vista."

The show starts on Friday, April 23 and continues Saturday, April 24 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 25 at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$8 and students, seniors, children and RSC staff are \$6. Group rates are available.



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Manuel Tirado and Janet Ambruso perform in "The Leader," choreographed by Rhoneille Rosales.

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Sports

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SPORTS WIRE

Fired coach sues Central Michigan for job back

Central Michigan University basketball coach Keith Dambrot was fired, a little more than a week after being suspended for using a racially derogatory term in front of his team.

Central Michigan spokeswoman Rae Goldsmith said that campus and community groups as well as alumni had been calling the university to express their outrage.

Dambrot was suspended for four days on April 1 after allegedly using racial slurs late in the season when he spoke to his team and when he referred to assistant coach Derrick McDowell.

Keilitz said in a statement that the four-day suspension was based on a university investigation and the coach's past contributions to the school.

"However, public reaction to the incident has since created an environment that makes it impossible for the university to conduct a viable basketball program under Coach Dambrot's leadership," he said.

Dambrot said he is suing the school. His suit asks that he be reinstated as coach, compensatory damages for First Amendment violations and an injunction to prevent a new coach from being hired.

U. of Minnesota Regents uphold coach's firing

The firing of the Minnesota women's gymnastics coach Katalin Deli, who was dismissed after a sexually explicit videotape of her and her husband was seen by some athletes, was upheld.

University Board of Regents chairman Elton Kuderer upheld women's athletics director's Chris Voelz's decision last June. Kuderer said Deli violated NCAA rules, encouraged students to lie and direct orders from Voelz. Deli had been the coach for 19 years. Kuderer also upheld the firing of Deli's husband, Gabor Deli, who was an assistant gymnastics coach at the university.

Duke's Krzyzewski changes to 'just do it'

The Duke Blue Devils, who for years have worn Adidas shoes will switch to Nike.

Nike and Duke officials would not confirm the amount of money involved. However, a source close to the negotiations said that basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski will receive a \$1 million signing bonus and an annual salary of about \$375,000, plus stock options, for a 15-year contract.

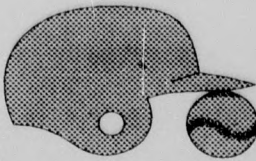
Krzyzewski, whose teams won NCAA championships in 1991 and 1992, remains under contract to Adidas through Sept. 1. Nike vice president Harry Carsh said gaining the coach is a key addition.

"For us, Duke is a class program," Carsh said.

Gauchos beat Dons in ninth inning

■ RSC drops out of first place after loss to Saddleback. OCC takes over top spot by half game.

By Ev Phillips
el Don Staff Writer



MISSION VIEJO

Although RSC has a glossy 15-1 record in non-conference games and is the No. 2-ranked baseball team in California, playing in the tough Orange Empire Conference is another matter.

True, the Dons are 10-5-1 in the OEC, but after Saturday's 7-6 loss to Saddleback, Rancho finds itself in second place, a half game behind Orange Coast. The Pirates moved into first with a 10-3 victory over Fullerton.

Saddleback beat Rancho on Justin Drizos' bases-loaded single with none out in the bottom of the ninth.

Ethan Wychoff, who had relieved Don starter Jason Dietrich in the fifth, gave up singles to Neil Garcia and Wade Jackson to open up the final frame. Steve Thobe replaced Wychoff and promptly walked Nathan Malagon to load the bases.

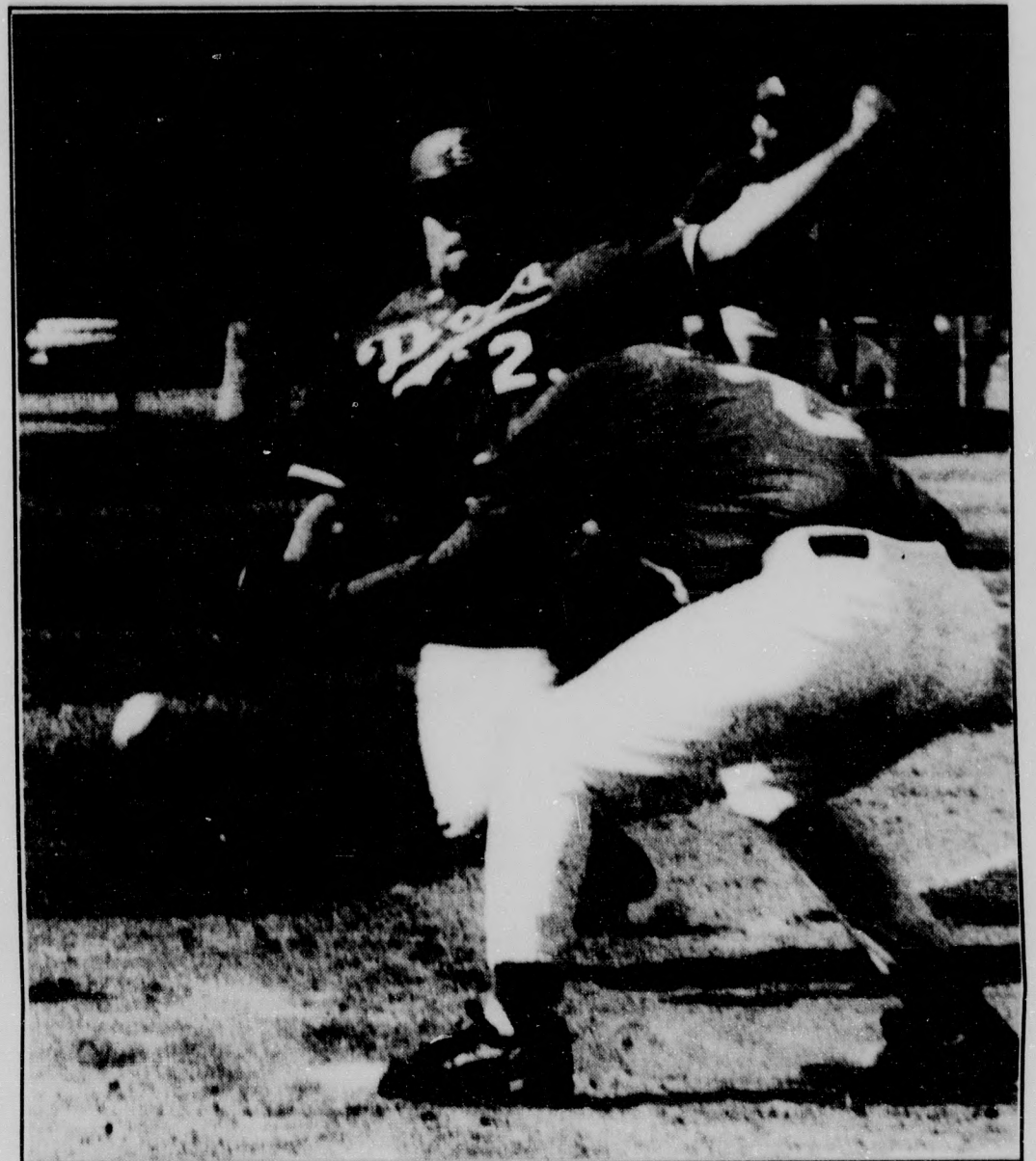
That set the stage for Drizos, who delivered the game-winning hit.

The Dons had fought back from an early 4-0 deficit with three runs in the top of the fifth on four walks, a sacrifice fly by Ryan Andersen and an RBI single by catcher Darren Troilo.

The Gauchos went ahead 5-3 in the bottom of the fifth. Jackson and Malagon singled, then Bo Haley drove in Jackson with a sacrifice fly.

RSC came back with three runs in the top of the sixth to take a 6-5 lead.

Matt Kastelic and Andersen singled to start the rally. Derek Brown and Chris Lugo followed with back-to-back doubles to score Kastelic and Andersen with the go-ahead runs.



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OUTTA MY WAY

RSC's Aaron Butler scores on a wild pitch in a recent non-conference game against Cal Lutheran JV. Third base coach Don Popovich looks on.

But the Dons couldn't hold on.

Saddleback tied it in the seventh on a single by Jackson - his fourth hit - and a double by Drizos.

Then came the decisive ninth that won it for the Gauchos and pushed the Dons into second place.

Jackson had five hits on the day. Saddleback used four pitchers. Dennis Crine, who came on in the eighth inning, was the winner. Wychoff (0-1) took the loss.

Two days earlier, Rancho won the first game of a home-and-home series with the Please see, DONS, Page 8

GOLF

Dons chip in for conference victory over Golden West

By Mark A. Peinado
el Don Staff Writer

GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE - The RSC golf team is on the fringe of making the conference championships after defeating conference foe Golden West 386-405.

The Dons were led by Neil Morash who shot an even par 72. Barlow Elton shot a four over 76, Sam Wang had six over 78, and Tony Borjas was seven over 79. Both Steve Deol and Andy Blevins carded nine over 81 to help the Dons defeat the Rustlers.

RSC is now 8-9 in conference and 17-9 overall. The Dons have one conference match left at Orange Coast College and if they are to make the conference championships they must defeat the Pirates.

"The last three weeks, we have been performing very, very well," said coach Richard Gorrie. "We are now playing to our capabilities and are in contention for the conference finals."

Rancho places among the top finishers at Mt. SAC Invitational

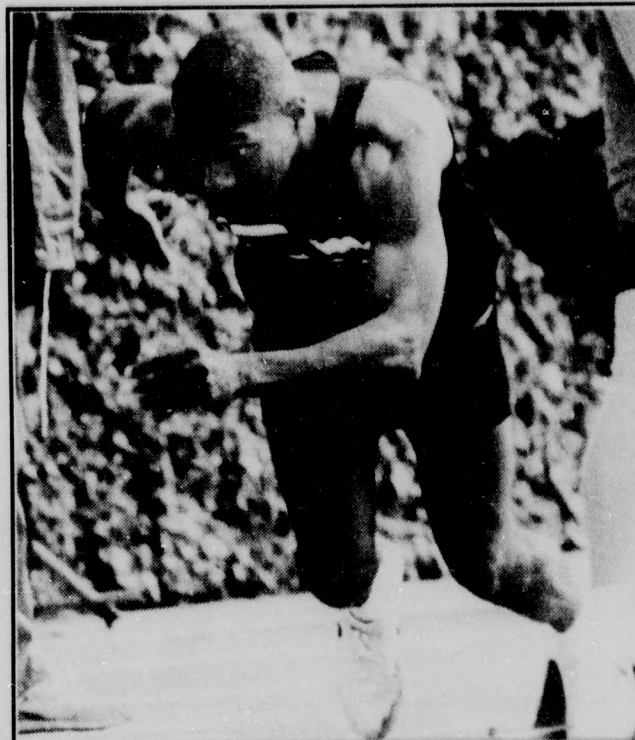
By Patrick Delaney
el Don Staff Writer

WALNUT - The RSC track and field team returned from the Mount San Antonio Invitational Thursday, recording top finishes and personal bests at the all day event.

In the women's individual division, Leticia Mora took fourth place in the 1500 meter, 4:54. Shot putter Nia Jones, placed fourth with a rocketing toss of 38'8". In team competition Carmen Payan placed second in the 1500 meter, 5:10.

"For Leticia, 4:54 was a personal best which is really great for her," said head coach Al Siddons.

Fidel Zavala took top honors in individual competition in the 5000 meter, 15:07. Brian Danskin, secured second in the high hurdles with a time of 14:09.



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JUMP START

RSC's Quabeen Idalette, sprints out of the blocks at the Mt. San Antonio Invitational Thursday.

Lady Dons shut out Lasers 11-0

By Patrick Delaney
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA CAMPUS - RSC's softball team shut out Irvine Valley College Wednesday, for the second consecutive time this season 11-0. Taking their record to (9-5, 16-17).

The Lasers had one hit and committed three errors, the Lady Dons on the other hand scored at least two runs in every inning except the second. The game was called after only five innings of play, on the mercy rule.

On Monday, the softball team also defeated visiting Saddleback Monday, 1-0, in what was seen as a pitching duel.

The runless tie broke in the bottom of the seventh inning when first baseman Lee Ann Morrentino singled to right with two out's to score second baseman Teri Henning.

Since the spring break RSC has won two and lost two. The two wins come as a four game home stand that will conclude when they play Golden West Friday and OEC leader Cypress Monday.

"We are certainly capable of winning the rest of our games, and we will have to beat the other teams who could be invited to the regionals to improve our chances," said Kim Nutter,



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COMING HOME

RSC's Rachel Gomez, slides home against Irvine Valley as the Don's shutout the Lasers 11-0 in an OEC match-up.

head coach.

Starting pitcher Jamie Parker (14-16) chalked up another eight strikeout's to break yet another school record. For the season,

Parker has compiled 142 K's, with five games still remaining on the schedule. Shortstop Shannon O'Rourke, remains RSC's top hitter at .338 overall.

Griffins take three straight games in victory over RSC

By Roger Denman
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA CAMPUS - The Dons lost to the visiting Griffins of Grossmont College in a South Coast Conference match Wednesday by a score of 15-6, 15-6, 15-8.

The Griffins jumped out to an early lead in the first game with strong defense and good playmaking to build a 13-2 lead. After a short run by the Dons, Grossmont settled down and won the game.

In the second game, RSC and

Grossmont fought back and forth and neither could manage to produce a lead. However, after a 6-6 stalemate the Griffins went on a 9-0 run to win the game.

RSC came out of the break flat and was overcome by the Griffins, who built a 13-2 lead in the final game. They dominated the game at the net and never looked back on the way to victory.

Ina Sitagata led the Dons in scoring with 18 kills. The Dons season came to an end April 21 as they hosted Palomar College.

DONS:

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Gauchos by an identical 7-6 score.

Freshman righthander Brandon Hoalton remained unbeaten with his eighth victory of the season. Saddleback scored four runs in the top of the ninth to get within one, but Thobe shut the door for his fourth save.

Troilo's home run with two on in the first inning gave RSC a 3-0 lead and the Dons were never headed. Third baseman Brown hit a solo home run in the eighth inning for what proved to be the winning run.

Troilo and Jason Wakefield each were 3 for 4. Wakefield also had two RBI.

RSC played a crucial home-and-home series this week with Orange Coast after press time. The Dons play Riverside City College (21-11, 9-7) Saturday at the RSC diamond. Game time is 12 noon.

Rancho travels to Cypress for a game Tuesday and returns home Thursday against Golden West. Both games start at 2:30 p.m.

Don Notes:

Including this week's series with Orange Coast, the Dons have eight conference games remaining. The OEC race could go down to the wire and be decided May 8 when OCC hosts the Dons in the final game of the schedule.

The Southern California playoffs begin May 14.

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